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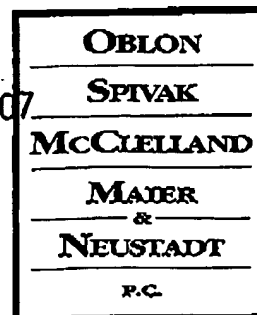
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Dear Sir or Madame:

Enclosed is a copy of a portion of our Deposit Account Statement of November 2006. Please review the highlighted charge on Serial Number 10/657,276, in the amount of \$180.00 on fee code number 1806.

This charge is in error as all of the references contained on the October 4, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement were first cited on the attached Japanese Office Action dated August 30, 2006 and therefore, not known for more than three months prior to the filing of the IDS.

Please review this application and kindly refund \$180.00 to deposit account number 150030. Copies of the appropriate paperwork are attached. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Lohr at (703) 412-6472. Thank you for your assistance.

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**NOTIFICATION OF REASONS FOR REJECTION**

Patent Application No.: Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-288017

Examiner's Notice Date: August 30, 2006

Examiner: Daigoro BANDO

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Attorneys for Applicant: Takehiko SUZUYE (other 6 attorneys)

Applied Sections: Section 29 (1), Section 29 (2), Section 36, and Section 37

This application is rejected on the grounds stated below. Any opinion about the rejection must be filed within 60 DAYS of the mailing date hereof.

**REASONS**

1. The application fails to satisfy the requirements under the main provision of Section 37 in the following respect(s).

**REMARKS**

The essential feature of the invention, common to (1) the invention as claimed in claims 1 to 4, (2) the invention as claimed in claims 5 and 6, (3) the invention as claimed in claims 7 and 8 and (4) the invention as claimed in claims 9 and 10 is that the motion vector or reference frame selection information of the pixel block to be encoded are determined from the motion vector or reference frame selection information of another pixel block. However, this feature was well known as the direct mode prior to the filing date of the present application, as disclosed in References 1 and 2, for example. Thus, the inventions have no common problem to be solved which had been unsolved by the filing date of the present application and no substantial part which is the new feature corresponding to the common problem to be solved, and thus do not have the relationship defined in Section 37 (i) or (ii) of the Patent Law.

Further, the inventions are not deemed to have the relationship defined in any of Section 37 (iii) to (v) of the Patent Law.

## Notification of Reasons for Rejection

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Since the present application does not meet the requirements of Section 37 of the Patent Law, the inventions of the claims other than claims 1 to 4 have not been examined for novelty, inventive step or other requirements.

2. The invention is unpatentable under Section 29 (1) (iii) of the Patent Law as being described in the following publication distributed in Japan or a foreign country prior to this application or having been made available to the public through electric telecommunication lines in Japan or a foreign country prior to this application.

3. The invention is unpatentable under Section 29 (2) of the Patent Law, as being such that the invention could easily have been made by a person with ordinary skill in the art to which the invention pertains, on the basis of the invention described in the following publication(s) distributed in Japan or a foreign country prior to this application or the invention made available to the public through electric telecommunication lines in Japan or a foreign country prior to this application.

REMARK(S) (refer to references cited)

Claims 1 to 4

Reasons 2 and 3

Reference 1 or 2

Note:

The method as claimed in claims 1 to 4 is indistinguishable from the normal direct mode as disclosed in References 1 and 2 etc.

References Cited:

1. International Publication No. 01/033864
2. Jpn. Pat. Appln. KOKAI Publication No. 11-75191

4 The description of the claims of the present application does not satisfy the stipulation of Section 36 (6) (i) in the respects pointed out below.

REMARK(S)

While claim 1 provides the recitation "motion compensation prediction is